



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY OFFICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

January 27, 2000

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Mr. Ernie Lazar
P.O. Box 423434
San Francisco, California 94142-3434

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 1, 1998, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for records concerning Mr. J. Russell Maguire. The FBI, on January 10, 2000, forwarded your letter along with FBI records containing Army-originated information and an Army-originated record retrieved from their files to this office for a decision as to the releasability of the information to you. This correspondence was received in this office on January 21, 2000.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 12958. As a result of this review it has been determined that the information contained in the records no longer warrants security classification protection and is partially releasable to you. The records are enclosed for your use. Fees for processing this request are waived.

We have been informed by the FBI that the information highlighted in black is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA. To aid you in identifying the FBI exempted information; we have bracketed it in red.

The withholding of the information by the FBI constitutes a denial of your request and you have the right to appeal this decision. If you decide to file an appeal, it should be sent to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, DC 20530-0001 within 60 days from the receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or Information Appeal". Please cite FBI FOI/PA #442374 assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please feel free to contact Mrs. Querry at (301) 677-4060. Please refer to case #446F-00.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell A. Nichols".

Russell A. Nichols
Chief, Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Enclosure

Copy Furnished:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE
INDUSTRIAL AND PERSONNEL SECURITY GROUP
FORT HOLABIRD, BALTIMORE 19, MARYLAND

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19 OCT 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATTENTION: Mr. Jerome J. Daunt

SUBJECT: MAGUIRE, John Russell; DOB: 27 July 1897;
POB: Meriden, Connecticut (U)"

Russell MAGUIRE

1. A Secret clearance has been requested for SUBJECT as Chairman of the Board of the Alco Valve Company, 865 Kingsland Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri.

2. Investigation conducted in connection therewith disclosed information from your Bureau concerning the American Mercury Magazine, of which SUBJECT is owner and publisher, indicating some mysterious connection between SUBJECT and a representative of the Dominican Republic. It was further disclosed that SUBJECT personally contacted Secretary of Defense, Neil McElroy, in October 1957 and left with him certain written material including a letter containing several allegations of a vital nature to our national security. Copy of your memorandum of 10 December 1957 is inclosed.

3. In view of the above information, it is requested that a full field investigation and interview of SUBJECT be conducted under provisions of the Supplemental Agreement to the Delimitations Agreement No. IV (AR 381-115).

4. Inclosed for your information are Personnel Security Questionnaire (DD Form 48) and Certificate of Nonaffiliation With Certain Organizations (DD Form 48-1). It is requested that these forms be returned after they have served their purpose.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE:

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3 Incl

1. Cy FBI memo
dtd 19 Dec 57
2. DD Form 48 re SUBJ
3. DD Form 48-1
re SUBJ

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WESLEY E. FARMER
Colonel, MPC
Chief, Industrial and
Personnel Security Group

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Date: October 29, 1959
To: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
Attention: Chief, Security Division
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: JOHN RUSSELL MAGUIRE
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
(NATIONALITIES INTELLIGENCE)

Reference is made to your letter dated
October 19, 1959, your reference ACSI-JI-1,
captioned "MAGUIRE, John Russell; DOB: 27 July
1907; POB: Meriden, Connecticut (S). (u)

Enclosed are the Personnel Security
Questionnaire (DD Form 48) and the Certificate
of Nonaffiliation with Certain Organizations
(DD Form 48-1), which were forwarded to this
Bureau with referenced letter.

All pertinent information contained in
our files regarding the subject has been
furnished to you.

There is no new data which would warrant
investigation by the FBI at this time; however, we
have no objection to your Department's conducting
such investigation as may be necessary to deter-
mine whether a security clearance should be granted
to the subject.

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1 - 97-3486 ("American Mercury" magazine)

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Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army

NOTE: Subject is owner of "American Mercury" magazine. He has reputation of being avid anticommunist but has reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. We have had cordial correspondence with subject. Reference Army letter 10/19/59 advised that "Secret" clearance has been requested for subject as Chairman of Board Alco Valve Company, St. Louis, Missouri. Army advised that it had received correspondence from Bureau regarding "some mysterious connection" between subject and representative of Dominican Republic and that subject personally contacted Secretary of Defense McElroy in 10/57 and left with him letter containing allegations of vital nature to national security. Army requested full field investigation and interview of subject be conducted under provisions of Supplemental Agreement to the Delimitations Agreement Number IV. We furnished information to the Department in 1958 indicating that a check in the amount of \$24,950 was deposited by "American Mercury" magazine in its banking account. This check drawn on account of the then Dominican Ambassador DeMoya. Department requested and we conducted Registration Act investigation of "American Mercury" magazine to determine if it may have incurred obligation to register under Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. Through our coverage of Dominican activities, we learned DeMoya had made several substantial payments to Maguire who is known to be sympathetic toward Dominican regime, and whose magazine has carried articles favorable to Trujillo. Our coverage on Dominican Embassy revealed Maguire and DeMoya have mutual investments and oil interests. We furnished the Department copies of our investigative reports re "American Mercury" magazine and closed our investigation 10/58. Copies of pertinent reports furnished Army 3/59. Re information Maguire furnished Secretary McElroy, we conducted follow-up interview of Maguire based on information he furnished McElroy and Maguire unable to substantiate allegations made. Allegations made by Maguire to McElroy plus results of our interview with Maguire furnished to Army via memo dated 12/10/57. Facts of this case do not justify our conducting any investigation of subject at this time, although it appears there would be no reason why Army could not conduct its own inquiries if believed necessary. (u) (e)

Classified "Confidential" as it contains information set forth in Army incoming letter 10/19/59 which was so classified. (e) (u)

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